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In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
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Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: RELIEF VALVE MECHANISM FOR AN OIL PUMP )  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

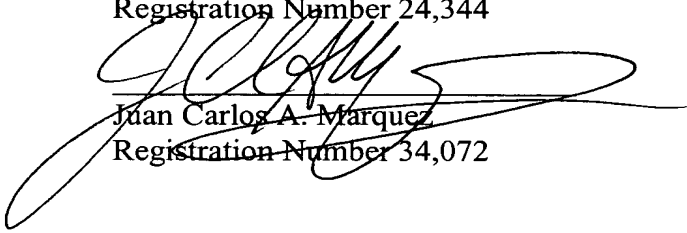
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of January 28, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-019173.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-019173 will be submitted as soon as it is received from applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copies is respectfully requested in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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